

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE April 15, 2002

BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING SCHEDULES HEARING

The regular monthly meeting of the Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining will be on Wednesday, April 24, 2002 at 8:30 a.m., in the auditorium of the Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1050, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The 2002 Earth Day Awards will be presented to four companies at 8:30 a.m. The four companies, Interstate Brick Company, Peck Rock and Products, Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation, and West Ridge Resources will receive the awards for their positive environmental actions. Following the awards the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining will conduct a briefing session. Among the items to be discussed are Division internal management guidelines regarding the Private Property Protection Act and informal rulemaking for proposed coal rule changes and oil and gas bonding rule changes. The formal agenda will begin at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

1. <u>Docket No. 2002-004, Cause No. M/045/022</u> - In the Matter of the Petition of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining for an Order to Post Supplemental Reclamation Surety, or Require Immediate Reclamation, Magnesium Corporation of America, Knolls Solar Ponds Project, Tooele County, Utah.

This matter has been continued to the June Hearing.

2. <u>Docket No. 2002-009, Cause No. 249-01</u> - In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of Alker Exploration L.L.C. for Approval of an Exception Well Location for the Alker

Exploration #1 Well Located in Section 8, Township 20 South, Range 7 East, S.L.B.& M., Emery County, Utah.

The Board will consider a request for a well location as an exception to normal rules.

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